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MPT WORK PROGRAM

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BEGIN SUMMARY. FRANCE TABLED DRAFT MANDATE FOR CSCE
SECOND- STAGE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. POLAND PROPOSED
SETTING UP WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER TECHNICAL AND
FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CONFERENCE. INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION
OF MPT RECESS LED TO SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL PLENARY
SESSION MARCH 16. DISCUSSION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND STAGE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. FRENCH REP
TABLED MANDATE FOR SECOND STAGE COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
WHICH HE SAID SHOULD SUPERVISE AND COORDINATE WORK OF OTHER
COMMITTEES, INSURE THEY WORK AT SAME PACE, AVOID OVERLAP,
ACHIEVE RESULTS, AND PRESENT THEIR PORPOSALS IN UNIFORM
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MANNER. COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME " COURT OF APPEAL," HOWEVER. IT SHOULD DECIDE DATE AND VENUE FOR CSCE THIRD STAGE. IT WOULD BE OPEN- ENDED, WITH ROTATING CHAIRMAN, MEETING INFREQUENTLY AT FIRST, THEN MORE OFTEN AS COMMITTEE WORK DEVELOPS. INFORMAL DEL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH MANDATE FOLLOWS: " A COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET PERIODICALLY DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. IT WILL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITY OF THE COMMISSIONS AND RECEIVE THE RESULT OF THEIR WORK WITH A VIEW TO THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. IT WILL MAKE TO GOVERNMENTS ALL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF ITS THIRD PHASE." FRG, SWITZERLAND AND CANADA SUPPORTED FRENCH POSPOSAL WHILE OTHER DELS EXPRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST. SOVIET REP WAS NONCOMMITTAL WHILE SPANISH REP HAD SOME RESERVATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY MALTESE REP, FRENCH REP SAID COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD BE USEFUL WHETHER SECOND STAGE TAKES PLACE IN ONE LOCATION OR SEVERAL; PERHAPS IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE USEFUL IN LATTER INSTANCE.

2. MPT WORK PROGRAM. MALTESE REP SUGGESTED PLENARY SHOULD DECIDE TO END MPT-3 MARCH 30 AND CONVENE MPT-4 APRIL 25. SOVIET REP PREFERRED SUBJECT OF BREAK BE DISCUSSED IN CORRIDORS THIS WEEK AND DECISION PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, MALTESE AND SPANISH REPS PUSHED FOR EARLY DECISION ON RECESS AND INSISTED UPON ANOTHER PLENARY SESSION THIS WEEK TO DECIDE QUESTION. PLENARY WILL MEET MARCH 16. COMMENT: ASKED PRIVATELY WHY SOVIETS WANT TO DELAY DECISION ON THEIR OWN PREFERRED SCHEDULE FOR RECESS (HELSINKI 600 NOTAL), SOVIET DELOFF TOLD US THEY WOULD LIKE TIME TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY POSSIBILITY OF SOME CONTINUATION OF ACTIVITY DURING RECESS, PERHAPS MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL/ FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP PROPOSED BY POLES (SEE BELOW). MENDELEVICH HAD EARLIER MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINT TO VEST. END COMMENT.

3. TECHNICAL/ FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP. POLISH REP PROPOSED FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP (TO BEGIN MEETING ASAP) TO CONSIDER ORGANIZATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CSCE. GROUP WOULD REPORT TO MPT PLENARY. POLE PROMISED TO CIRCULATE WORKING PAPER
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CONCERNING MODALITIES. SEVERAL WESTERN DELS RESPONDED POSITIVELY

TO POLISH PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH SWISS REP WARNED TECHNICAL/
FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD NOT SET DATE AND VENUE
FOR CONFERENCE. USSR AND GDR REPS SUPPORTED POLISH
PROPOSAL BUT ROMANIAN REP SUGGESTED QUESTION BE DEFERRED
FOR CONSIDERATION IN MPT-4. (COMMENT: ROMANIAN
DELOFF TOLD US PRIVATELY HIS DEL OPPOSES FORMATION OF
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UNTIL DATE AND VENUE FOR
CONFERENCE FIXED. HOWEVER, MAJORITY LIKELY TO EMERGE
IN FAVOR OF CONVENING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP DURING
APRIL BREAK. END COMMENT).
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